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SENATE RESOLUTION 103
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A RESOLUTION To recognize Jackie Donaldson on the occasion
of her retirement from the University of
Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those
citizens who, in their years of work, have performed their duties with the utmost integrity,
dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Donaldson is one such admirable Tennessean who is most
deserving of this body's praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson has meritoriously served the University of Tennessee
Agricultural Extension Service for thirty-five years; she will be retiring from her position as
Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent and Extension Leader for UT's Extension
Service Office in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Married at the age of sixteen, Jackie and her husband, Lonnie, worked hard
to finish high school; sterling scholars, Jackie graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in
Home Economics and Lonnie graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in Agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, In 1985, she returned to school and earned a Master of Science in Extension Education; she is a certified home economist which requires twenty-five hours of professional development units per year; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Donaldson began her remarkable career with the Extension Service in the 1960s, working with 4-H Clubs for the first several years; and

WHEREAS, After a few years, Mrs. Donaldson was assigned to work in the adult programs; initially, she made home calls to answer questions about sewing, canning, or home decorating; when home visits were replaced with home demonstration, Jackie was able to reach more women at one time; and

WHEREAS, By the mid-seventies, her meritorious and dedicated service as an Agriculture Extension Agent earned her a promotion to serve as District Leader in charge of personnel and office management; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her duties with the Agricultural Extension Service, Jackie Donaldson has worked closely with numerous community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the Cookeville Housing Authority, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Families First, and Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, She is blessed with the love and companionship of her husband, Lonnie, and her two sons, Matthew and Jay; Lonnie Donaldson has supported Jackie in all her endeavors with the Extension Service; when their sons were younger, he tended the children when she needed to attend 4-H camp or make home visits; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of her profession, Jackie Donaldson has received the Dean's Award for Outstanding programs for home economics, the 1989 NAEHE Continued Excellence Award, the 1978 NAEHE Distinguished Service Award, the 1994 Distinguished Alumni Tennessee Tech Home Economics Award, and the 1994 Lloyd and Nettie Downen Leadership Scholarship; she was also nominated for the 1992 Children's Advocate of

the Year for the Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth and the 1992 Professional Woman of the Year from the Business and Professional Women's club; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2001, her colleagues hosted a retirement reception in Mrs. Donaldson's honor at the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ in Cookeville; the reception was attended by numerous friends, colleagues, and family members, including her mother, Billie Beaty; her brother, Steve Beaty, her husband, Lonnie, her son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Carrie, her son and daughter-in-law, Mathew and April, and her grandchildren, Katie and Grant; and

WHEREAS, An active and innovative individual, Jackie Donaldson will be starting new careers as a private provider for court-ordered parenting instruction and as travel group organizer for Putnam County and Crossville; and

WHEREAS, For thirty-four years, Ms. Donaldson has ably served the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, and although she is retiring, her imprint on the organization will indelibly remain; her compassion and wisdom has made a positive difference in the lives of countless Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to excellence, her stalwart service to the Agriculture Extension Service, and her commitment to her community is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Jackie Donaldson for her years of steadfast service with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, commend her professionalism, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.